Wilsonville Road Interchange Project

# Public Comments

Public comments were collected at the Wilsonville Road Interchange Project Open House, held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at the City of Wilsonville City Hall. The following is a list of all comments collected from written comment forms and conversations between the project team and Open House attendees.

*Comments received through conversations with Open House attendees:*

General

- Most people seemed generally in favor of the project.
- Many attendees commented on the existing congestion on Wilsonville Road and were glad to see some improvements to improve this condition.
- Overall, people showed guarded optimism over the project.
- Many wanted to know how exactly the project would impact or improve their business or residential location.
- Many wondered whether this project would actually relieve congestion on Wilsonville Road, and whether money was being spent well.
- Attendees seemed to understand the need for improving the situation, but not all were convinced that the particulars of this project were the right solution.
- Many seemed to understand and appreciate the project goals and objectives.

Fred Meyer construction:

- Fred Meyer representative wanted information on staging areas for the project, intended sequence of work, construction timing, and right of way along the southbound on-ramp, in order to determine if there would be any impacts if Fred Meyer's were to open prior to completion of the Wilsonville project.
- A Project Team member responded that ODOT typically does not identify staging areas for contractors beyond the State right of way, and that construction sequencing will be determined by the contractor after the bids have been opened.

Auxiliary Lane:

- Several comments about ODOT Auxiliary Lane project (not part of project)
- Many people asked if there were future plans for a southbound auxiliary lane from Wilsonville to Charbonneau. The SB on-ramp to I-5 is regarded as very dangerous in its current configuration and some questioned whether proposed improvements would make a marked improvement.
- Attendees expressed approval of the use of ramp metering on the on-ramps as a means to improve the merging of traffic especially on the SB on-ramp.
- One person was concerned about the increased difficulty in weaving movement between I-5 and the north-hound auxiliary lane between Charbonneau and Wilsonville Interchange.

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Improvements:

- Attendees were supportive of separating and elevating the sidewalk to enhance the pedestrian experience.
- Many indicated that the separation of the sidewalk from the roadway was a safety improvement.

Turning and lane changes:

- Trying to close the exclusive right turn from east-bound Wilsonville Road into the business area will likely bring strong opposition.

Potential future lanes under bridge:

- Attendees thought that providing for potential future lanes under the bridge was a good idea.
- One of the developer staff was concerned that existing lanes east of the Town Center Loop intersection and the number of lanes proposed west of the intersection would not function correctly.

Business impacts:

- The owner of the Boones Ferry Junction Pizza Parlor was concerned that work on the ramps or Boones Ferry Rd would impact his business. The Project Team informed him that this project would not directly affect his business.

Other projects:

- Attendees expressed interest over improvements to the Boones Ferry/Wilsonville Road intersection, and specifically the Boones Ferry north leg.
- Several people commented on the lack of bicycle routes across the Willamette River (not part of project).

Parkway Avenue:

- Attendees did not express objections to closing Parkway Ave with a cul-de-sac.

*Comments from Comment Forms:*

- We object to the option to close the private property access point (East bound traffic) prior to the traffic light at Wilsonville Rd and Town Center Loop West. If closed, this would significantly impact the commercial retail businesses within that area in a negative manner.
- The changes are much needed, and are well thought through.
- If Fred Meyers opens while the work on the interchange is still in progress, it could really create a headache for residents living west of the interchange. It is probably worth it, but would be nice to avoid if possible.
- Concern about fire safety of the properties along Parkway.